(iii) A Monitoring Committee on Software Piracy has been constituted with the following objectives :—

(A) To see that the provisions of the Copyright Act so far as software is concerned are vigorously implemented.

(B) To take initiative for conducting studies and monitoring the status of use of legitimate software.

(C) To promote action to meet the needs of users as regards prices of popular software packages.

(iv) In the Copyright Act (Amendment) Bill No. 105 of 1992 provisions have been made to deter and check the use of pirated software.

(v) All States and Union Territories have been suggested to make appropriate amendments in their Police Acts to empower representatives of INFAST and Industry Association to act as Special Police Officers, for the specific purpose of implementing the relevant provisions of the Copyright Act against Software Piracy.

(vi) To bring down the prices of imported Software Packages, authorised duplication of these packages has been allowed. Duty will be paid on the master copy required for the duplication. The duplication done in the country will not attract any excise duty. Also, no custom duty will be leviable on the royalty paid on the duplicated copies of the software.

Joint Venture Projects in the Pipeline

1662. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the Joint Ventures Projects in Electronics sector that are in pipeline ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : The details of joint venture proposals in electronics sector received by the Department of Electronics are given in the statement attached.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Party	Item of manufacture	Foreign Collaborator
1.	M/s. Philips Medical System (PMS) India Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.	Installation, maintenance, technical support and sales, marketing and servicing of Philips range of medical electronic diagnostic and therapentic equipments and systems.	M/s. Philips Systems International B. V. The Netherlands.
2.	M/s. SLT Lab. instruments India Pvt. Ltd., Delhi	Photometric auto analyser microplate elisa reader and accessories.	M/s. SLT Lab. Instruments, GmbH Austria.
3.	M/s. Mayur Software, Bangalore.	Development of Software and standard package.	M/s. Peacock Systems International Inc., USA.
4.	M/s. Opax Technology (P) Ltd., Madras.	Instruments.	Omex Technology (P) Ltd., Singapore.
5.	M/s. Vidyut Cables (P) Ltd., Hyderabad.	Printed Circuit Boards.	HTC Engineering Corp., USA.
6.	M/s. EKT Materials Technology America Ltd , Madras.	Copper foils.	ETK Technology Inc., USA.
7.	M/s. NCR Corporation, USA, Delhi.	Software and Services.	NCR Corporation, USA.
8.	M/s. Modern Software (I) Pvt. Ltd.	Computer Software.	M/s. Modena Software Inc., USA.
9.	M/s. Sri Ramakrishna Hi-Tech System Ltd.	Computer Software & Associated Services.	NRI equity participation.